



# North Beach E-Mail Newsletter

Winter 2003

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305-604-CITY (2489)

**Office of the Mayor and Commission**  
305-673-7030

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305-673-7010

**Police (non-emergency)**  
305-673-7900  
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305-673-7120

## North Beach Community Meeting

### February 10, 2003

Approximately 30 residents attended the City of Miami Beach Neighborhood Services Department meeting on February 10, 2003, held at Biscayne Elementary School in the cafeteria.

Bob Middaugh, Assistant City Manager, facilitated the meeting. Representatives from the City's administration attended the meeting to hear issues directly from City of Miami Beach residents.

The following issues were identified as priorities by the attendees:

1. Update on the 63<sup>rd</sup> Street Flyover Project
2. Status of North Shore Open Space Park improvements
3. Illegal dumping throughout North Beach
4. Need for additional signage along the waterways to educate boaters as to sensible boating practices

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## 63<sup>rd</sup> Street Flyover

The City of Miami Beach Public Works Department, directed by Fred Beckmann, is the primary City link to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) on state right of way projects. The 63<sup>rd</sup> Street Flyover project will be implemented in approximately five years. FDOT coordinates community design workshops to gain public input and to explain proposed improvement initiatives. The purpose of this project is to enable traffic to flow more freely through the currently congested intersection.

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## North Shore Open Space Park

North Shore Open Space Park is located east of Collins Avenue between 79<sup>th</sup> and 87<sup>th</sup> Streets. The Park has been undergoing an extensive renovation and is intended to once again become an active park for the residents and visitors to the City of Miami Beach.

Phase 1 of the renovation project is near completion. The first phase has included clearing of exotic plants, site cleaning, landscaping, shrubs and ground cover plantings, seeding of sod areas and a new irrigation system. The exotic plants will be replaced with native South Florida plant materials.

The City of Miami Beach Neighborhood Services Department coordinates volunteer projects to encourage public/private community efforts. The next volunteer cleanup project in the park is scheduled for Saturday, April 5, 2003,

**Neighborhood  
Services**  
305-673-7077

**Community  
Resource &  
Outreach**  
305-673-7580

**Parks &  
Recreation**  
305-673-7730

**Parking**  
305-673-PARK

**City Job Hotline**  
305-673-7777

**City Clerk**  
305-673-7411

**Bulky Waste  
Pick-Up  
Appointment**  
305-633-2700

## **24-Hour Services**

**Water & Sewer  
Streets  
Sidewalks  
Streetlights  
Storm water**  
305-673-7625

**Traffic Signals**  
305-592-3580

**FPL**  
(Power outages & street  
lights on wooden poles)  
305-442-8770

Mayor David Dermer •  
Commissioners: Matti  
Herrera Bower, Simon Cruz,  
Luis R. Garcia, Jr., Saul  
Gross, Jose Smith and  
Richard Steinberg  
*City Manager Jorge M.  
Gonzalez • City Attorney  
Murray H. Dubbin • City  
Clerk Robert Parcher •  
Vivian P. Guzman, Director  
Neighborhood Services  
Department*

9 a.m. to 12 noon. Baynanza, a County sponsored environmental cleanup, takes place during the month of April. As part of Baynanza, the City will be conducting this North Shore cleanup. For further information please call 305-673-7580.

## **Illegal Dumping in North Beach**

There is a chronic problem of illegal dumping throughout North Beach. The three City of Miami Beach Sanitation Division, enforcement officers, have been transferred to the Code Compliance Division of the Neighborhood Services Department. There will now be 21 Code Compliance officers to monitor codes, including sanitation violations.

As part of Community Development Week, April 21-27, the Community Development Division of Neighborhood Services will be offering North Beach residents an opportunity to bring bulk trash to a dumpster to be placed in North Beach on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. The dumpster will be placed at 81<sup>st</sup> and Hawthorne from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## **Waterway Signage**

Residents are concerned for the safety of the manatees in the waterways. Captain Brian Sliman, newly appointed Captain for the North Beach district will be working with the Marine Patrol to determine where signage should be placed.

## **Sanitation Request**

Attendees requested that the City of Miami Beach work closely with BFI, the City of Miami Beach's trash hauler for single family residential properties and multi unit buildings with 8 units or less, to be more diligent in replacing trash cans in the areas in which they are emptied and to pick up the litter that falls from the cans as they are emptied.

The City is producing a Sanitation door hanger to inform residents of Sanitation rules and programs. The City of Miami Beach Sanitation Division is part of the Public Works Department.

## **How To Start a Homeowner's Association**

The City of Miami Beach Neighborhood Services Department, Community Resource and Outreach Division will be conducting a workshop on How to Form a Homeowner's Association, Monday, April 21, 2003, 7 p.m., in the Commission Chambers in Miami Beach City Hall, 1700 Convention Center Drive. Please attend and encourage your neighbors to attend. For further information refer to our Residents page on the City's website

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# City of Miami Beach Annual Hurricane Information and Preparedness Fair

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fair will be held on Sunday, June 1, 2003, along the 1000 block of Lincoln Road mall from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. City departments and community partners will offer relevant materials and information.